

REMARKS

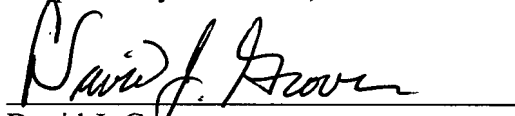
By this amendment, claims 58-60, 68, 71-73, 75, 77, 79, 81, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92-94, 96, 97, and 99 have been amended. Claims 58-60 and 68-99 are pending in this application. Claims 59, 60, 69-72, 74-76, 82, 83, and 85-87 were withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner as being drawn to non-elected species in the absence of an allowed generic or linking claim. However, these withdrawn claims are believed to now be in condition for allowance, as they depend from generic claims now in condition for allowance.

The Office Action rejected claims 58, 68, 73, 77, 79-81, 84, 88, and 90-99 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Whitehouse in view of Fukano et al. The Office Action rejected claims 58, 78, 81, and 89 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wall in view of Fukano et al., and further in view of Pettigrew et al.

Applicant's attorney, David Grover, and Examiner John Fox conducted a telephone interview on May 10, 2007 regarding claim 58. In the interview, Examiner Fox agreed that the proposed claim language (that "the adjustable member is configured to communicate pressurized fluid through an opening in the adjustable member to move the at least one piston against at least atmospheric pressure") would distinguish over the cited references. Claim 58 has been amended accordingly. Independent claims 81, 92-94, and 97 have been amended to include the same proposed features. As such, claims 58, 81, 92-94, and 97 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Currently pending claims 68, 77-80, 88-91, 95, 96, 98, and 99 all depend from one of claims 58, 81, 92-94, and 97, and are also patentable over the cited references and in condition for allowance. Withdrawn claims 59, 60, 69-72, 74-76, 82, 83, and 85-87 all depend from either of generic claims 58 and 81, and are therefore also patentable over the cited references and in condition for allowance.

Applicants respectfully submit that all currently pending claims and withdrawn claims depending from currently pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Any questions regarding this application can be addressed to the undersigned.

Respectively submitted,



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